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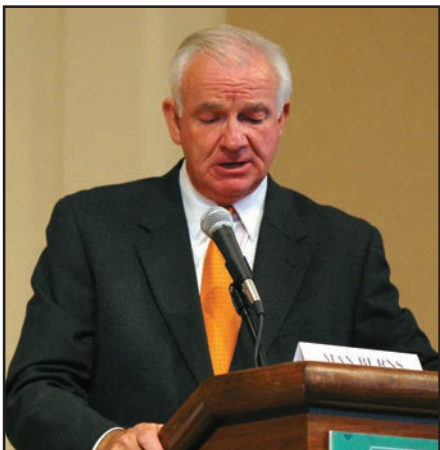
**Number crunch: 121%.**  
The percentage increase in the underage drinking fine from this time last year.

## Weekend Weather

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
88 69 30%	88 69 20%	88 68 30%

Source: <http://weather.com>

# Congress Comes to Campus



## Five questions with Max Burns

Kyle Dominy interviews Federal District 12 Candidate Max Burns (R)

**Q) What is your definition of an "effective Congressman?"**

A) Someone who represents the people and his constituents, someone who understands who they are and where they are from. I have an opponent that grew up in Athens. I grew up on a farm. He (Barrow) doesn't live here. He has an address here. He doesn't know the difference between round row and Round-Up. He cannot effectively represent this district.

**Q) On your website it is stated on the issue section "An honest tax code that is simple, fair and less burdensome to families and small business is something Max supports."**

**What is your definition of a tax code that is "simple, fair and less burdensome?" How do you plan to make it a reality?**

A) I have supported every tax cut. I support simplification and fairness. I support the flat tax. The IRS is a disaster. It is time to quit fiddling

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Photos by Will Godfrey and Brittany Thomas  
(L-R) Democrat Representative John Barrow and Republican Candidate Max Burns in the debate that occurred on Monday, the 28.

### BY Kyle Dominy

The great American game came to GCSU Monday night. No I'm not talking about baseball or football, I'm talking about politics. Twelfth District Federal Representative John Barrow (D) and his opponent in the upcoming November election, Max Burns (R) debated on the stage of the Magnolia Ball Room in the first Federal Candidate Forum at GCSU in

over 30 years.

"This is a precedent setting event that I hope we can repeat," said Gregg Kaufman, Director of the Coverdell Institute. "I'm relieved (that it's over) after all of the planning, but I am extraordinarily pleased."

Not only was this event an important one for the college, it was also important for the

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## Five questions with John Barrow

Kyle Dominy interviews Federal District 12 Representative John Barrow (D)

**Q) What is your stand on the War on Terror?**

A) I don't support those who want to cut and run. We entered that country, we demolished the government, we disbanded his army, we destroyed his infrastructure, and I think that puts the responsibility on us to see the thing through until the time that the Iraqis can take care of themselves. As soon as that happens, I think we should come home.

**Q) You are a big supporter of raising the minimum wage. Do you think that it will help Americans or just contribute to inflation?**

A) Study after study has shown that raising minimum wage does not add to inflation, in fact, it pumps the economy because it puts disposable income in the hands of folks who are more likely to dispose of it. It makes folks who work at minimum wage better customers, it makes them better citizens and it makes them better neighbors because it gives them a

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# Bell Hall residents relocated while renovations continue

BY April Reed

Extensions needed for Bell Hall renovations required 192 students to relocate to Sanford Hall and Bobcat Village for approximately the first month of school.

Bell renovations were scheduled for completion by the beginning of this semester, but now students are tentatively expected to move into Bell Sept. 29.

Bruce Harshbarger, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, attributed part of the delays to complications associated with renovating older

buildings.

"When you take buildings that are almost 100 years old and start to take them apart, you run into things there was no way to anticipate," Harshbarger said.

According to Paul Jahr, director of University Housing, delays also came as a result of additions during renovations. This included the recent decision to house the Honors & Scholars Program in Bell instead of Sanford.

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# Monopolistic practices drive up campus Bookstore prices

BY Kyle Dominy

In my hand I held the one document that might break my bankbook, or rather my parents'. It wasn't my credit card bill. It wasn't a DUI or public drunkenness citation. I wasn't even buying gas. It was my PawPrints Bookstore receipt. All \$458 worth, but is it really worth that much?

"I paid a lot," said Matt Scott, a senior accounting major. "And I think I should pay less."

Scott paid about \$420

for his books this semester.

The problem, however, does not just affect GCSU, but affects university students and staff all across the country.

"This is something that has been recognized on a state level by the Board of Regents, it's on the national level because there are articles in the Wall Street Journal and USA Today that bring up the fact that text book prices, over the past five years, have out paced inflation by a 2-to-1 ratio," said Mike Haun,

marketing manager of Auxiliary Services.

But what causes the problem? And what can be done to relieve the pressure of buying text books?

Kyle Cullars, executive director of Auxiliary Services, says that book prices are driven up due to the monopolistic qualities of book publishers.

"Larger publishers are buying up smaller publishers. You have fewer and fewer people compet-

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Photo by Leigh Allen  
Cars are parked for as far as the eye can see in the crowded Irwin Street Parking Lot due to the new parking restrictions.

# Parking plan still working out kinks

BY Tyler Smith

When students returned to campus this fall, many were shocked to find some familiar letters missing from the parking alphabet. A, B and C have been replaced by P, E and R. This new lettering system is just one of many changes made to GCSU's parking plan.

"I think it is working well," said Greg Brown, manager of Parking and Transportation. "With any plan, you have to look at and evaluate it once it is implemented. So far, it has done what it was intended to do, which was to utilize the parking areas more effectively and more efficiently."

Kyle Cullars, executive director of Auxiliary Services, said in past years, hundreds of spot remained empty during the day while other areas of the campus were overcrowded.

"The Irwin Street parking lot has 504 spaces," Cullars said. "Last year there were never more than six or eight cars in there at any given time. This year, it is just the opposite. It is overcrowded to the point that people are parking along the curb area."

In response to this, Cullars and Brown have already made some necessary adjustments, changing

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around the edges and create an environment that works and I think we can do that. We have to lay all of the options on the table and we have to move America forward.

**Q) One hot button issue in America is gay marriage. What is your stance?**

A) I believe that marriage is the union of one man and one woman. I challenge you to go check my opponent's record. My opponent stood up and said that gays and lesbians were the Civil Rights Movement of our day. He busted me for supporting a traditional marriage amendment. This is a guy that goes to a gay and lesbian rally in Savannah, Georgia, in 2004 and wears pink pants. If you'd like to see the picture, I'll send it to you.

**Q) You have accused your opponent, John Barrow, of wanting to take away tools necessary for fighting the war on terror. What is your opinion and stance of the war and how it should be handled?**

A) We have a tough challenge and we cannot ignore this fight. If we abandon the Middle East, the terrorists will come to us. We have to use every tool at our disposal to stop the terrorists. We have to work effectively with international intelligence; we have to collect intelligence domestically. I recognize that we must protect our civil liberties, but the number one challenge we face today in 2006 is the security of America. We must use every measure at our disposal to secure this country.

**Q) You won the seat in 2002, but then lost it in 2004. How do you feel about the 2006 election?**

A) I'm ready, is it November 7 yet?



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## Barrow:

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better living wage. In this country you can work full-time at minimum wage and not make enough to lift your family out of poverty.

**Q) You also try to raise awareness for protecting America's food supply from acts of terrorism. So far, this has not happened on American soil, so why do you think it is something Americans should worry about?**

A) I think it is important because it is only a matter of time before an act of terror is directed at our agriculture economy. It's important because we could suffer huge economic losses in this country without anybody getting sick or without anybody dying. It's a low cost and incredibly effective way of attacking the economy of this country, which, depending upon how good it is, could affect people's lives. One out of eight people in this country work in agriculture; one out of six people in

Georgia work in agriculture. And we can't afford an attack that isolates and hits a sector of the agricultural economy, especially if it affects us.

**Q) Your opponent, Max Burns, is using a negative campaign strategy. What is your campaign strategy to counter such negative attacks?**

A) You can't stop someone from doing what they want to do. I tend to focus on the things that I fight for and the things that I fight against. I am ranked one of the most independent members of Congress, and I think that is especially important today with the Congress as bitterly divided as it is.

**Q) You debated in front of the students of GCSU, how do you encourage America's young population to vote?**

A) I can understand why young people today aren't as interested in voting as they were when I was coming along. I think we need to help folks understand the connection between the decisions folks are making in Washington and the quality of their life. We need people in Congress who will be on the side of students.



Photo by Brittany Thomas

(L-R) Democrat Representative John Barrow, William Thompson, founder of the Moderate Student Political Movement, Jason White, a sophomore and president of the College Republicans, Randall Savage, special assignment editor for 13 WMAZ Eyewitness News, Bobby Mathews, managing editor of the *Union Recorder*, Emily Currington, officer of the Young Democrats and Republican candidate Max Burnes.

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community. When the new Congressional District map was drawn, Baldwin County was added to the twelfth district.

"It's very important, for this area especially, since this county, this community and this university have been drawn into a new Congressional District and have new choices to make," said Congressman Barrow. "It's been a good opportunity for the folks here to get to know their candidates."

And the people of Milledgeville definitely got to know their candidates, and their opinions. The two debaters discussed everything from education, tax reform and road building to homeland security, foreign trade and the War on Terror.

And both candidates said that they enjoyed the experience.

"I did great," said Burns. "Anytime you have the chance to get up and express yourself, anytime you have the chance to get up and say this is what I stand for, this is what I believe in and this is what I've done - I think it's a good day."

Barrows also said that the experience was a positive one.

"I think it went well. I think the debate helped showcase our different stands on the issues. It's a great opportunity for folks to get to know the candidates they have to choose from in the election," he said.

Randall Savage, special assignment editor for 13 WMAZ Eyewitness News, moderated the debate and the panelists included Bobby Mathews, managing editor of the *Union Recorder*, Emily Currington, a sophomore and officer of the Young Democrats, Jason White, a sophomore and president of the College Republicans and William Thompson, a senior and founder of the Moderate Student Political Movement.

Thompson said that it was wonderful that the candidates were debating on the campus.

"It means that the candidates are coming and they are catering their answers toward the students, which is great because they are keeping us in mind," he said.

Kaufman said he was happy to have the politicians on campus, but the students were the real stars of the show.

"I really appreciate the way the audience respected the level of civil discourse," he said. "I am very proud of our student body tonight."

Barrow and Burns will be campaigning for two more months and the election for the twelfth district seat will be held on November 7.